

ALEXANDRIA NOW TURNS TO POLITICS

Merchants Charged With Violations of Labor Laws of the State.

ALEXANDRIA, Dec. 27.—With the end of the Christmas preparations and the close of the holidays, municipal politics, which have been quiet for the past ten days, are again causing considerable interest, and the three candidates for mayor, Thomas A. Fisher, James M. Duncan and Frank P. Marbury, are actively at work in interviewing the voters of the city. Sharing in interest with the mayoralty race is that of members of the city council, and several prospective candidates have commenced quiet campaigns.

There will be a number of changes in the council caused by deaths, illness and removal from the wards. Alderman J. M. Hill is seriously ill at his home and will in all probability not be a candidate. Alderman Fisher has moved from the Third ward to the Second. Councilman H. R. Burke has moved from the First ward to the Third, and Councilman H. W. Smith from the Second to the First.

Five Alexandria merchants have been summoned to Police Judge J. C. Caton on December 30 for violations of the State labor laws. Three are charged with violations of the ten-hour law and the others with violations of the child labor law.

In police court today James Brent and Edward Lee, colored, who were arrested several days ago charged with robbing the store of Fairfax Jackson, colored, were sent to jail for thirty days.

The January term of the United States court for the district of Virginia, Judge Edmund Waddell, presiding, will convene January 3. Both a grand jury and petit jury have been summoned for this term. A number of bankruptcy cases will be considered.

The beginning of the department of the M. E. Church, South, Sunday school held its Christmas celebration in the Young People's building, the program, the main Sunday school will hold its celebration tomorrow night.

The Salvation Army has arranged to hold a Christmas celebration in its hall on King street tonight. There will be a Christmas tree for the children.

Alva Aerie No. 871, Fraternal Order of Eagles, conducted the services at the grave today for James T. Murtagh, who died Friday. Church services were held in St. Mary's Catholic Church.

HYATTSVILLE.
The Christmas exercises by the Sunday school of the Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church will be held tonight. The following program has been arranged under the direction of the superintendent, Charles W. Ingalls: Prelude, Miss Marian Hoopes, pianist; responsive reading led by F. J. Robinson; prayer by the pastor, the Rev. M. F. Lowe; address of welcome by Superintendent Ingalls; recitation, Marion Tucker; exercise by the primary class, Miss Lois Burton, teacher; recitation, Carvel Bowen; recitation, Morris Anglin; exercise by class taught by Miss Helen Rose; exercise, "Emblems of Christmascide," by class of Mrs. John E. Tucker; solo by Miss Elmer Hutchinson; recitation by Miss Mae Soules; class song by class of Mr. Doll; recitation, Frances Richards; recitation by Miss Nettle Hawkins; exercise by class taught by Miss Marion Hoopes; recitation, Miss Louise Rose; solo, "Sleep, Little Christ Child," by Miss Louise Charlton; entrance of Santa Clause and distribution of gifts; benediction.

Mrs. T. Krebs Naylor and daughter, Mrs. R. Hugh Perrie, and granddaughter, Miss Marion Virginia Perrie, have returned to their home after a pleasant visit with friends and relatives in Baltimore and Baltimore county.

Miss Jane D. Barber is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Barber at Sharps, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Aquila Turner and daughter, Miss Emily Turner, of T. E. this county, are spending several weeks with relatives in Louisiana.

Miss Amelia Beall, who has been spending some time with her sister and brother-in-law, Mrs. and Mr. A. T. Brooke, in Upper Marlboro, has returned to her home in Norfolk, Va.

The board of county commissioners for Prince George county has appointed Grover C. Ward constable for Piscataway district.

ANACOSTIA.
Wednesday evening the Sunday school of the Anacostia Baptist Church will hold its Christmas entertainment.

A musical entertainment is being arranged under the auspices of the Bradbury Heights Social Club, for the evening of January 4 in the East Washington Heights Baptist Church.

The civic bodies in this section will urge upon Congress the necessity of replacing the present fence around the grounds at the Government Hospital for the Insane, as recommended in the annual report of Dr. William A. White, superintendent.

The annual election of officers of Anacostia Council, No. 16, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, is to be held tomorrow night at Masonic Hall.

The B. Y. P. U. of the Anacostia Baptist Church met last night.

Anacostia Chapter, No. 12, Royal Arch Masons, will meet tonight, when plans will be made for the annual visitation of the officers of the grand lodge.

ROCKVILLE.
Miss Elizabeth S. Hall, one of the oldest residents of this county, died Saturday at her home at Brookeville, aged 90 years, her death being due to an affection of the heart. The funeral took place at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon from the Episcopal Church at Olney, the pastor, the Rev. Henry H. Maraden, officiating. Burial was in the cemetery at Olney. Miss Hall was a native of Baltimore county, but had lived in this county the greater part of her life, for many years being a resident of Rockville. She was a daughter of the late Dr. Edward Hall.

Mrs. Susan Watkins, wife of Charles A. Watkins, died at her home near Boyds, this county, aged 62 years. Her death was due to heart disease. She is survived by her husband and the following children: Mrs. Smith Hoyle and Mrs. Joseph W. Hicks, both of Boyds, and Mrs. Edith Fuiks, of Woodside, Md. The funeral took place today from the Presbyterian Church at Boyds.

Gordon W. Bailey and Miss Leona Alice Schaeffer, both of Nokesville, Va., were married in Rockville by the Rev. Samuel R. White of the Baptist Church, at the home of the minister.

Among other out-of-the-county couples married here were Ralph Elliott Caspary and Miss Agnes C. Backgalo, both of Washington.

British Not to Buy Cars Made in U.S.A.

Government Commissioner Says They Will Trade At Home Among Friends.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Charles Jarrett, one of the pioneer automobile manufacturers in England, arrived here from Liverpool on the steamship Lapland. He predicted a boom for the automobile industries in all countries at the close of the war, but said the English people, who had come to look with favor on American cars, now feel they should trade at home among friends. Mr. Jarrett came here on a British government mission, but would not divulge its nature.

C. Smith, of Roselawn, Ind., a distributor for the Sullivan Machine Company, of Chicago, was brought ashore in a wheel chair. While demonstrating a coal cutter in a Welsh mine the gallery supports collapsed and he was buried under coal. His back was injured seriously and he was unable to move. The Lapland brought 154 passengers, of whom 132 were in her cabins. She had \$1,000,000 in gold and 4,500 bags of belated Christmas mail, together with 600 parcel post packages.

Army and Navy

ARMY.
First Lieut. Alfred A. Hickox, Sixth Infantry, detailed as professor of military science and tactics at the United States Military Academy, West Point, Miss. Capt. Albert C. Thompson, Jr., Coast Artillery Corps, placed on the unassigned list, and detailed as inspector-instructor of the Coast Artillery, Military Academy of Columbia. Leave of absence for two months to Capt. John N. Street, Twenty-ninth Infantry, recovering from illness. First Lieut. Ralph N. Hayden, Third Cavalry, detailed for general recruiting service, Fort Logan, Col. Col. William H. Arthur, Medical Corps, detailed as member of the board of officers of the Medical Corps, to determine result of preliminary examinations of applicants and the final examination of candidates for admission to Medical Corps.

NAVY.
Capt. E. L. Beach, to command Tennessee, Capt. B. C. Decker, to command Washington, Lieut. Commander F. R. McCarty, to navy yard, Portsmouth, N. H. Lieut. J. G. M. J. Peterson, to naval training station, Great Lakes, Illinois. Lieut. J. G. A. G. Olson, to navy recruiting station, St. Louis. Lieut. J. G. W. G. Greenman, to connection fitting out Nevada, January 31. Lieut. J. G. H. R. Henson, to connection fitting out Congress, Lieut. J. G. C. T. Blackburn, to command Beale, Ensign Edward Ellsberg, to post-graduate course, Naval Academy. Ensign Donald Royce, to post-graduate course, Naval Academy. Ensign R. W. Ferrell, to post-graduate course, Naval Academy.

MOVEMENTS OF VESSELS.
Arrival—Ajax at Manila; Annapolis at Topolobampo; Arethusa at Port Arthur, Tex.; Bainbridge at Manila; Barry at Manila; Chester at Monrovia; Jewel at Balboa; Cyclops at Guantanamo; Dale at Manila; Decatur at Manila; Iris at Guaymas; New Orleans, at La Paz; Orion at Cristobal; Stewart at Guaymas.

Sailed—Celle from Guantanamo for Port au Prince; Chester from San Francisco for Montevideo; Commodore Schenck from San Diego; Vulcan from Guantanamo.

Says She Can Tell Sex Of Chicken From Egg
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—If Mrs. E. R. Cowden had been alive in Humphrey's day, no telling what might have been the fate of the celebrated eggs. For, in spite of science, poultry fanciers, and Mayor James Rolph, Mrs. Cowden claims that she can tell the sex of a chicken by the egg before it is hatched.

All she says is that she learned the mystery from an old grandmother's recipe and tried it out successfully ten years ago in Kansas. She is willing to try it out now before judges who will furnish the incubator, let her mark the eggs, and agree not to touch them until they are hatched and have become roosters or pullets.

Dartmouth Man Killed By Shell in the Vosges

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Dec. 27.—Melville Hale, member of the American ambulance corps in France, who was killed by a German shell in the Vosges region on Christmas even, was a son of Dr. Lewis P. Hale, a professor in the dental department of the University of Michigan. He was about twenty-one years old.

Young Hale enlisted for service last April. At that time he was a senior at Dartmouth. His brother, Lewis, also is connected with the American Red Cross in France.

Engineer Slain and Body Soaked in Oil and Fired

LAKE CHARLES, La., Dec. 27.—A Bourgeois night engineer at the Gulf Refining Company's plant near Vinton, was murdered, petroleum poured on his body and a match applied. The body was practically destroyed and the blaze, which was discovered by the day engineer when he reported to relieve Bourgeois, ruined part of the plant.

Bourgeois was murdered in his office, a pool of blood indicated. The body was dragged to the engine room and set afire.

FINDS RELIEF FROM CATARRH

There has been found to be a wonderful medicine for a number of troubles, and it has helped many persons suffering from catarrh. Mr. J. S. Black, sales manager of a large manufacturing plant and who lives at 148 East Hancock street, Detroit, Mich., says: "For a long time I have suffered from catarrh of the head and stomach. My breath was bad, had the headache all the time, a wheezing in my throat, and one side of my nose was stopped up all the time. I could hardly breathe; had to be continually trying to clear my throat. It seemed to be a draining from the back of my nose into the throat. A friend suggested that I try a bottle of Devco, and I obtained more relief from it than all other medicines put together that I have taken. My headache has disappeared, breath is no longer foul, nostrils opened, and the dripping into the throat is checked. I consider it the best preparation I have ever used. There is now no more at all the O'Donnell Drug Stores. If you are a sufferer from catarrh and value your health, don't put it off a minute. Get a bottle, phone or write this minute for a bottle. Out-of-town orders filled same day received.—ADVT.

THOUSAND VESSELS USE PANAMA CANAL

Before Blocked by Slide—Pacific to Atlantic Traffic Leads.

The annual report of Brig. Gen. George W. Goethals, governor of the Panama Canal Zone, to Secretary of War Garrison shows that 1,088 vessels passed through the canal during the last ten months and a half after its opening. The report covers the period from its opening August 15, 1914, until the close of the fiscal year, June 30, 1915. It was announced that a report will be submitted later covering the last half of the calendar year, during which the canal was blocked by a slide. Governor Goethals' report shows that the heaviest canal traffic was from the Pacific to the Atlantic. There were 558 vessels with cargo tonnage of 2,544,067 tons passing through the canal from the Pacific side, and 530 vessels, with cargo tonnage of 2,123,735, sent from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

The net amount expended on the canal during the year was \$367,686.04, out of \$368,999.116 appropriated for the actual construction of the canal and its adjuncts. In addition to construction expenditures, \$14,888.873 was spent for fortifications and \$4,400.00 for operation of civil government.

Who'd Be an Indian?
It is believed that previous to civilization, baldness was unknown among American Indians. The uncivilized Indian apparently is yet free from pellagra and almost immune from cancer.

What He Wanted.
Smart Aleck (in stationary store)—I want a nickel's worth of dates.
Clerk—We don't sell fruit, sir.
Smart Aleck—Oh, brighten up, brighten up! Gimme a five-cent calendar!—Boston Transcript.

CHARGES ATROCITIES AGAINST AUSTRIANS

Wife of Serbian Minister Says Girls Were Dragged Through Streets By Rope.

ROME, Dec. 27.—Atrocities more horrible than any of the previous Balkan wars are charged against the Austrians and Bulgars by Mme. Christitch, wife of the former Serbian minister to Rome and her daughter-in-law, whose husband is a Serbian attaché at the Italian front.

"Seventeen young girls were mistreated and dragged through the streets of Kragujevatz, bound together by a rope," Mme. Christitch asserted. "Women, girls, and little children suffered more at the hands of the Austrians and Bulgarians than American settlers ever did at the hands of the Indians." Mme. Christitch and her daughter-in-law fled from Nish just before Bulgarian troops entered the city. They expressed grave concern for the safety of the countless thousands of Serbian women and girls who remained behind when the Serbian army retreated. "When I left Nish the roads were filled with fleeing refugees," said Mme. Christitch. "Some of the women were scantily clad; some even in their nightclothes, crying hysterically. Mothers were begging that they be allowed to die because they had lost their children. Women who were left behind in Serbia are the worst sufferers. Unless material aid reaches them soon half of them will die of hunger and exposure."

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INDUSTRIAL CENTERS FATAL TO CHILDREN

Favorable Civic and Family Surroundings Lessen Infant Mortality.

The infant death rate in a steel-making or coal-mining town is 134 out of every 1,000, while only 84 infants out of every 1,000 who live in residential suburbs succumb, according to the annual report of the Children's Bureau of the Department of Labor, made public today.

"The more favorable the civic and family surroundings and the better the general conditions of life, the more clearly are they reflected in a lessened infant mortality," the report declares. The report shows, however, that no deductions can be made about the relation between the general infant mortality rate and industrial employment or women until the facts about the number and proportion of mothers at work, contained in the unpublished census returns, are made available by tabulation. "This tabulation," the report says, "is especially important to the studies of the Children's Bureau. Among the subjects of study which the law directs the bureau to undertake are infant mortality, the birth rate, orphanage, and desertion, all requiring information as to family structure. The need for developing standards of rural child welfare, physical standards for children in industry, and standards of law for the protection of all children, is the keynote of the report. Three-fifths of the 30,000,000 children

in the United States are rural children, the report declares. Where the rural child labor is great the percentage of child illiteracy is high. The bureau reports a year of activity dealing with eight different phases of child welfare, having been studying the social causes of infant mortality, doing constructive work for child hygiene, co-operating in a general test of birth registration, preparing a report on social care of mental defectives, and of illegitimate children, reviewing the principles of community provision for recreation, compiling laws relating to children, and analyzing the administration of child labor laws and street trade regulations in selected typical States.

Scarlet Fever Epidemic In German Villages

LONDON, Dec. 27.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Amsterdam tells of a serious scarlet fever epidemic in Germany, extending from Bromberg to villages in Posen, where the illness is unusually acute. All military hospitals, which have been requisitioned to deal with the epidemic, are crowded and the government measures, according to the dispatch, have proved altogether inadequate. The Bromberg garrison is so overrun with the disease that it has been evacuated by one entire regiment.

Bars Visitors From Ships on Sailing Day

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—"We beg to announce we find it advisable to discontinue the privilege of allowing visitors on board steamers on sailing day to see their friends off. This rule will be strictly enforced, and we ask your kind co-operation. Burk & Daniels, general agents, Lamport and Holt Line." The foregoing announcement caused considerable comment among shipping circles and along the docks. Officials of the line declare the rule is in line with the policy of all ship agents, and denied any particular incident, having swung them from their former belief and policy.

BEDINI SUCCEEDS IN CATCHING TURNIP

Juggler Who Failed Here, Catches Turnip Dropped From Tall Building in Omaha.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 27.—Jean Bedini, who failed to catch a turnip dropped from the top of the Munsey building on the prongs of a fork gripped in his teeth several weeks ago, has retrieved his reputation by accomplishing the feat at Omaha. Bedini, as large a crowd as witnessed him make his attempt in this city, Bedini, successfully caught a one-pound turnip dropped from the fourteenth story of the City National Bank building at Omaha.

Bedini's feat was done in connection with a collection taken up to make the poor boys and girls of Omaha happy on Christmas Day. After the crowd had gathered announcement was made by one of the leading attorneys of the city that besides being there to see Bedini catch the turnip each individual was there to contribute to the Christmas fund.

Signs of Bad Blood

Pimples, scaly itching skin, rashes, burning sensations, and Scrofula denote a debilitated, weakened, and impure state of the blood. For purifying the system, nothing is equal to S. S. S. The action of S. S. S. is to cleanse the blood. It soaks through the system direct to the seat of the trouble. It revitalizes the red blood corpuscles. The dull, sluggish feeling leaves you—the complexion clears up. Drugs and substitutes won't do. Get S. S. S. from your druggist. If yours is a special case and you want free expert advice, write to Swift Specific Co., Atlanta, Ga.—ADVT.

After-Christmas Clearance Reductions in Force Throughout the Store

New Store Hours: Open 8:45 A.M.; Close 5:30 P.M.

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Women's Cloth Suits, Worth \$18.00 and \$20.00, at \$8.98

Women's Cloth Coats, Worth \$10.00 and \$12.50, at \$6.75

Women's Stylish Skirts, Worth \$2.98 and \$3.50, at \$1.68

Women's Cloth Coats, Worth \$15.00 and \$17.50, at \$8.50

Women's Cloth Suits, Worth \$25.00 and \$27.50, at \$14.50

Women's Velvet Suits, Worth \$35.00 and \$40.00, at \$19.75

Women's Finest Suits, Worth up to \$50.00, at \$23.75

French Lynx Sets, Worth \$6.00 and \$7.00, at \$3.95

Imported Mink Sets, Worth \$35.00 and \$40.00, at \$25.00

French Seal Coats, Worth \$69.50 and \$75.00, at \$52.50

Silk and Cloth Dresses, Worth \$6.98 and \$7.98, at \$3.69

Silk and Cloth Dresses, Worth \$10.00 and \$15.00, at \$5.69

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